

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF OCTOBER 1st, 1930.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,  
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Mr. F. Brooke Matthews and Mr. Charles H. Osborn, Architect and Engineer, appeared before the Board with plans for the addition to the State Tobacco Warehouse. After considering the matter the Board authorized Mr. Matthews and Mr. Osborn to ask for bids from reliable contractors for the work to be done, and to submit the bids to the Board for its consideration.

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The following letter from the State Game Warden was read in explanation of the failure of the Warden to purchase the land in accordance with authority given him by the Board in August, 1929:

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
GAME DIVISION

September 27th, 1930.

His Excellency, Albert C. Ritchie,  
Governor of the State of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Ritchie:

If you will recall, in August 1929, your Honorable Board sanctioned the purchase by this Department of two pieces of property located in Allegany County which were to

be sold at public auction at the Court House Door in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, on August 5, 1929, which properties were sold for taxes and formerly belonged to the Allegany Orchards Corporation. On that day, I appeared at the sale and purchased 71 orchard tracts containing 10 acres each, costing \$1025.00; and 111 orchard tracts containing 10 acres each, costing \$3600.00 to be used as state game refuges.

You undoubtedly know that this Company had one year in which to redeem this property by paying the back taxes and for your information, I will say that they took advantage of that privilege and yesterday, I received a check from Judge William C. Walsh, who handled the whole transaction for this Department, amounting to \$5318.75 representing the return of our \$3600.00 with a penalty of 15%, \$540.00, and \$1025.00 with a penalty of 15%, \$153.75, added. I am forwarding this \$5318.75 to the Comptroller's Office for credit to the State Game Protection Fund and thought best to give you this information in order that you might know the transaction has been closed and the property has been returned to the Allegany Orchards Corporation.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) E. Lee LeCompte.

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STATE GAME WARDEN.

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The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board, a report received from the State Auditor, of the examination of the accounts of the Miner's Hospital, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1929, in which it was stated that the officers of the Institution had charged off uncollectable accounts amounting to \$5,690.71. The Comptroller reminded the Board that the Hospital was a State Institution, and that authority to charge off any accounts was vested in the Comptroller, with the approval of the Governor and Treasurer. It was decided to bring this matter to the attention of the Miner's Hospital, and ask that they be governed accordingly

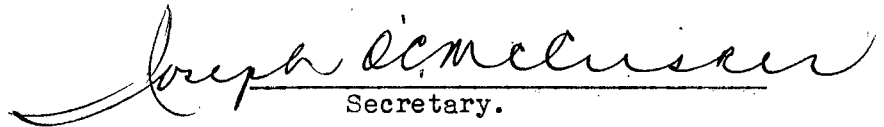
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The Secretary stated that Miss Mary E. Shearn, State Librarian, was anxious to secure an electric water cooler for the use of the Library,

but that there were no funds in her Budget available for the purchase of it. The Board authorized the purchase of a cooler to be paid for out of the Contingent Fund of the Board's Budget.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.